

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Lighting apparatus arranged at the front of a vehicle and comprising, on either side of the longitudinal axis of the vehicle, two passing headlights for producing a regulation lighting beam for a passing light, and which are
5 adapted to pivot about a substantially vertical axis, towards a position which is deflected to the left and deflected to the right when the vehicle is in a left-hand and a right-hand bend situation, respectively, the apparatus further comprising two auxiliary headlights for producing an auxiliary regulation lighting beam,
10 wherein the apparatus further includes a central unit which, when it detects failure of a said passing light in a said deflected position, causes the faulty passing light to be extinguished and at least one of the said auxiliary headlights to be lit, whereby the auxiliary headlight compensates for the extinction of the faulty passing headlight by producing a
15 compensating lighting beam which has regard to the maximum permitted regulation photometric values above a horizontal longitudinal plane.
2. Lighting apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the auxiliary headlights are cruising headlights for producing a regulation lighting beam for a cruising light, and wherein, when the central unit detects failure of a
20 passing headlight in the deflected position, the central unit controls means which cause the form of the light beam produced by the cruising headlight which is lit to be modified, whereby its light beam has regard to the maximum permitted regulation photometric values above the horizontal longitudinal plane.
- 25 3. Lighting apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein each cruising headlight includes a range corrector which is adapted to modify the inclination of the cruising beam with respect to a horizontal longitudinal plane, and wherein, in order to form the compensating beam, the central

unit controls the range corrector of the cruising headlight in such a way as to deflect its light beam downwards.

4. Lighting apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein each cruising headlight includes means for forming an upper cut-off line in its light beam,
5 and wherein the upper cut-off line is substantially coincident with the said horizontal longitudinal plane when the cruising headlight so producing the compensating beam.

5. Lighting apparatus according to Claim 4, characterised in that each cruising headlight is of the type having an image-reproducing optic, and
10 includes an occulting device which defines a cut-off edge defining the upper cut-off line in the light beam produced by the cruising headlight.